



**PATENT**

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AND REPRODUCTION OF MUSICAL SOUND  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicants gratefully note the allowance of Claims 1-9, 21, and 23-26. Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of prosecution as a whole does not make clear [the Examiner's] reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e). In the present case, Applicants believe the record as a whole does make clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides solely in each identified feature or combination of features, exactly as expressed by the Examiner, or that each feature or

combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the Reasons For Allowance do not separately address the additional subject matter of claims 1-9 and 23-26, Applicants do not acquiesce to any inference that these claims do not present patentable subject matter independent of the patentability of claim 21.

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